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FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF AN ARTICLE THAT
APPEARED IN ISSUE NR. 736 OF THE FRENCH AVIATION
INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE AND WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST TO
YOU.

"DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 27, THE NATIONAL
PILOTS' UNION (SNPL) AND NATIONAL FLIGHT ENGINEERS' UNION
(SNOMAC) DREW ATTENTION TO THE PRECARIOUS SITUATION OF
THE FRENCH CHARTER ACTIVITIES WHEN COMPARED TO SUCH
ACTIVITIES WORLDWIDE. THE TWO UNIONS ARE TRYING TO
FIND OUT WHY THE LEADERS OF THE FRENCH COMPANIES AND
PRINCIPALLY AIR FRANCE LACK DRIVE AND GIVE UP THEIR
SHARE OF THE BUSINESS TO FOREIGN COMPETITORS. THEY HAVE
SPECIFICALLY UNDERSCORED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION OF MAY 14, 1969 GIVING
PREFERENCE TO SCHEDULED CARRIERS TO CARRY OUT CHARTER
OPERATIONS TO AND FROM OUR COUNTRY IS OUT OF TOUCH
WITH REALITY.

- THE FACT THAT THE 5 FRENCH CHARTER COMPANIES
HAVE ONLY 17 AIRCRAFT, FOR THE MOST PART SMALL ONES,
WHILE THE 4 GERMAN CHARTER COMPANIES USE 40 AIRCRAFT

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INCLUDING B-747S.

- THE FACT THAT REGULAR AND CHARTER TRANSPORTATION
SUPPLEMENT RATHER THAN COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER.
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO UNIONS CONCLUDED THAT IT IS
HIGH TIME THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOW MORE LIBERALISM
IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THAT THE LEADERS OF OUR COMPANIES
TAKE A GREATER INTEREST IN THAT FORM OF AIR TRANS-

PORTATION."
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